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1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ON
FEBRUARY 8 BASED ON THE REMARKS OF SWEDISH ASSISTANCE
MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING AT THE HAGUE.
ULLSTEN PLEADED THAT "SHORT TERM ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS
ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST NOT BE
ALLOWED TO JEOPARDIZE THE IMPORTANT PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ON
THE NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER EXPECTATIONS OF RE-
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NOW LINKED IN HIGH DEGREE TO THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION."
ULLSTEN MADE NO REFERENCE TO A VISIT TO THE US. THE FULL
TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE IS QUOTED BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: STATEMENT BY AID MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN
IN THE HAGUE ON FEBRUARY 7, 1977, CONCERNING A NEW
ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER. SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC CONSIDER-

ATIONS ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO JEOPARDIZE THE IMPORTANT PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER. THIS IS THE WAY AID MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN SUMMARIZES THE SITUATION IN THE "NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE," IN WHICH 27 DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, SWEDEN AMONG THEM, ARE NEGOTIATING ON RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, DEBTS, FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, AND ENERGY. HE MADE THIS STATEMENT AFTER A MEETING ON MONDAY IN THE HAGUE OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AND IRELAND, WHO HAD GATHERED AT THE INVITATION OF DUTCH AID MINISTER PRONK FOR A RUN-THROUGH OF THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATORY POSITION.

MATERIAL RESULTS, NOT JUST WEAK PROMISES, MUST BE ACHIEVED DURING NEGOTIATIONS THIS SPRING IF A RENEWED ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION IS TO BE AVOIDED. EXPECTATIONS OF RERELEASING THE DEADLOCK IN THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW, THEREFORE, LINKED IN HIGH DEGREE TO THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION, ULLSTEN STRESSED. THE SMALLER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO PURSUE A POLICY OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND, FOR INSTANCE, TO ATTAIN UN AID GOALS WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING PEOPLE'S WELFARE IN SO DOING. YET IT IS NOT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GO ON STRIVING ALONE FOR SUCH THINGS AS THE ONE-PERCENT-OF-GNP GOAL, UNIFIED AID, AND THE WRITING OFF OF DEBTS. THE LARGE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST CARRY THEIR SHARE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY MUST REALIZE THAT, IN A WORLD OF MUTUAL DEPENDENCE, THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POOREST PEOPLES IS A VITAL MATTER THAT CONCERNS US DIRECTLY. AN IMPORTANT PRECONDITION FOR ACHIEVING BALANCED CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE WORLD ECONOMY IS THAT WE CAN STABILIZE MARKETS FOR RAW MATERIALS AND STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN THE ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM, MOREOVER, THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD ITSELF WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS IN THAT THESE NEW EXPORT MARKETS WILL PROVIDE MORE EMPLOYMENT AT HOME. END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: MFA SOURCES REPORT THAT THEY HAVE NO INDICATION OF PLANS BY ULLSTEN TO VISIT THE US AS A FOLLOW-UP OF THE HAGUE MEETING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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